

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Thirty-seventh Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Thirty-seventh Middlesex Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (378) of these admissions reside in the Thirty-seventh Middlesex Representative District. 5% (19) of admissions from the Thirty-seventh Middlesex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Thirty-seventh Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 74% were male and 26% were female.
- 59% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 86% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 7% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 66% were never married, 15% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 24% had less than high school education, 42% completed high school, and 33% had more than high school education.
- 38% were employed.
- 7% were homeless.
- 30% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Thirty-seventh Middlesex Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	53%	31%	8%	4%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>Thirty-seventh Middlesex Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	341	295	97	85	57	57	33
<b>FY '96</b>	306	271	105	46	35	28	23
<b>FY '97</b>	340	293	113	73	49	69	55
<b>FY '98</b>	372	314	134	72	40	81	59
<b>FY '99</b>	370	309	118	85	53	81	62
<b>FY '00</b>	390	330	144	97	53	118	94
<b>FY '01</b>	363	274	107	64	37	122	88
<b>FY '02</b>	378	299	110	72	42	123	95